

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## Addendum # 1



Department Of Executive Services  
Finance and Business Operations Division  
**Procurement and Contract Services Section**  
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**DATE ISSUED: December 6, 2004**

RFP Title: **Waterborne Transit Policy Study**  
Requesting Dept./ Div.: **King County Department of Transportation – Transit Division**  
RFP Number: **173-04CMB**  
Due Date: **December 14, 2004 - 2:00 P.M.**  
Buyer: **Cathy M. Betts** [cathy.betts@metrokc.gov](mailto:cathy.betts@metrokc.gov) (206) 263-4266

This addendum is issued to revised the original Request for Proposal, dated November 18, 2004 as follows:

1. The proposal opening date remains the same: Tuesday, December 14, 2004 no later than 2:00 p.m. exactly.
2. The sign in sheet from the December 2, 2004 pre-proposal conference is available by contacting Cathy Betts at [cathy.betts@metrokc.gov](mailto:cathy.betts@metrokc.gov). Please include your FAX number,

### **The following information items were discussed at the pre-proposal conference:**

Two attachments were handed out at the pre-proposal meeting for reference material. These documents have been added to the website for your information at:

Discussion Draft: King County Metro Six-Year Transit Development Plan Update.

[http://www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement/rfpdocs/2004/November/Consultants/173-04/173-04\\_Ad1\\_Attach\\_A.pdf](http://www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement/rfpdocs/2004/November/Consultants/173-04/173-04_Ad1_Attach_A.pdf)

Exhibit B – 2002 Six-Year Development Plan Update

[http://www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement/rfpdocs/2004/November/Consultants/173-04/173-04\\_Ad1\\_Attach\\_B.pdf](http://www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement/rfpdocs/2004/November/Consultants/173-04/173-04_Ad1_Attach_B.pdf)

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### **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD OF A CONTRACT, THIS ADDEMDUM MUST BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED TO KING COUNTY**

**Sealed proposals will only be received by:**

**King County Procurement Services Section, Exchange Building, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, 821 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1598. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday**

Company Name

Address		City / State / Postal Code
Signature	Authorized Representative/Title	
Email	Phone	Fax

This Request for Proposal – Addendum will be provided in alternative formats such as Braille, large print, audiocassette or computer disk for individuals with disabilities upon request.

Attached are the statistics for the last four years of the Elliott Bay Water Taxi service.

**The following information is provided in response to questions received:**

Q1: Thanks again for the opportunity to clarify some of the requirements in the RFP. Under the Brooks Act, Public Law 92-582, the selection of engineering and architectural services must be qualifications based selection (QBS). Under QBS procurement procedures for all federal grants, price quotations cannot be considered in the selection process. Under Part 6 (E) and under Part 7 of the Evaluation Criteria the RFP indicates that the County will consider each firm's proposed price in the selection process. Will each firm be required to submit a cost proposal and will the cost proposal be considered in the selection process?

*A1: In issuing this particular RFP, the County is seeking neither an Architect nor an Engineer for the purposes of performing Architectural or Engineering work as described in the RCWs and/or under Federal law. This RFP's scope of work consists exclusively of planning and policy development. As such, the selection will be based on the Evaluation Criteria as explained in Section II, Part 7, of which cost is only one of several factors. One additional note: those firms submitting a proposal should not propose a work program that exceeds the budget of \$150,000.*

Q2: Will a firm's transportation or waterborne or vessel engineering expertise be considered in the selection process?

*A2: Those evaluating proposals will consider experience in transportation planning and knowledge of issues pertinent to the operation of passenger ferry service. Proposer should process the needed expertise to evaluate available vessel technologies to determine the pros and cons of specific designs as they relate to the proper vessel fit for a particular operating environment and service plan. The successful Proposer should understand the landside requirements needed for the efficient and effective operation of passenger ferry service. Proposer should have the ability develop facility and site plans to a conceptual level.*

Q3: Will the study require any engineering and/or architectural services?

*A3: No.*

## Elliott Bay Water Taxi Project Summary

### DESCRIPTION

The Elliott Bay Water Taxi is a passenger-only ferry service that operates on a seasonal basis between the Downtown Seattle waterfront and Seacrest Park in West Seattle. The County has been funding the “temporary” operation of the Elliott Bay Water Taxi since 1998 through budget provisos included in the annual operating budget each year by the County Council. The City of Seattle has allowed the use of Seacrest Park with the understanding that the County will be moving towards constructing a permanent dock facility in West Seattle. The service is operated by a private service provider (Argosy) under contract with the County. The service has been provided every year since 1998, with the exception of 2000 when the Water Taxi was not operated due to the financial impact of I-695. Beginning in May 2001 a full one-year demonstration was operated to obtain data on ridership and service issues during the “off-season” (Oct – April). For 2005, a budget proviso was again adopted providing \$500,000 for the operation of Water Taxi service from April through September. With no long-term funding arrangement, the temporary nature of this service has not allowed for the development of permanent dock facilities or the procurement of a new vessel to address safety, service reliability and ADA requirements.

<b>Year</b>	<b><i>Service Period</i></b>	<b><i>Dock sites</i></b>
1997	June 28 – Sept 1	Seacrest – Pier 55 – Bell St. Marina
1998	May 23 – Oct 16	Seacrest – Pier 55 – Bell St. Marina
1999	June 19 – Sept 6	Seacrest – Pier 54
2000	<b><i>NO SERVICE OPERATED – I-695</i></b>	
2001/2002	May 26, 2001 – May 31, 2002 (1 year demo)	Seacrest – Pier 54
2002	June 1 – Sept 2 (summer extension)	Seacrest – Pier 54
2003	April 21 – Nov 28	Seacrest – Pier 54
2004	May 1 – Oct 1	Seacrest – Pier 55

SERVICE OPERATOR: Argosy Cruises

#### VESSEL:

1997 – 2003 “Admiral Pete” 50 ft., twin-hulled catamaran with a capacity of 82 passenger, maximum speed 22 knots

2004 “Sightseer” 70 ft. mono-hull with a capacity of 149 passengers, maximum speed 10 knots.

DAILY SERVICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday: 6:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Friday: 6:45 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

DOCK FACILITIES:

- Seacrest Park (West Seattle) - City-owned park facility
- Pier 54/55 (DT Seattle waterfront) - Private dock leased by Argosy.

FARES:

- \$2.00/each way -- all passengers
- No additional fare for riders with any PugetPass or Metro transfer
- Metro tickets treated as cash towards payment of \$2 fare
- Children under 5 – free

## PRODUCTIVITY

- TOTAL MONTHLY RIDERSHIP**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>2001</b>						28,486	32,047	29,608	17,523	10,141	7,646	6,607
<b>2002</b>	2,945	5,592	7,240	9,045	10,577	14,022	20,983	24,484	1,157			
<b>2003</b>				3,004	13,928	20,051	27,363	29,496	14,870	5,328	2,793	
<b>2004</b>					14,574	21,083	29,729	27,647	14,629			

- COST PER RIDER**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>2001</b>						\$3.64	\$2.93	\$2.97	\$4.37	\$8.96	\$11.60	\$13.56
<b>2002</b>	\$19.88	\$14.73	\$11.36	\$8.80	\$7.82	\$5.64	\$3.92	\$3.38	\$4.15			
<b>2003</b>				\$7.84	\$5.46	\$3.66	\$2.81	\$2.59	\$4.85	\$8.40	\$11.22	
<b>2004</b>					\$5.18	\$3.56	\$2.57	\$2.72	\$5.19			

- FAREBOX RECOVERY %**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>2001</b>						26%	38%	35%	27%	12%	9%	8%
<b>2002</b>	5%	7%	9%	11%	12%	15%	21%	26%	20%			
<b>2003</b>				11%	16%	27%	37%	41%	20%	5%	3%	
<b>2004</b>					16%	25%	37%	35%	19%			